

Foia Foia language

Foia Foia (Foyafoya), or **Minanibai**,^[4] is a Papuan language of Papua New Guinea, spoken in an area near Omati River mouth in Ikobi Kairi and Goaribari Census districts (Gulf Province).

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Locations

Foia Foia is spoken in Bibisa village (7.666925°S 143.177088°E﻿ / ﻿7.666925°S 143.177088°E﻿ / -7.666925; 143.177088), Bamu Rural LLG, Western Province, Papua New Guinea.^{[5][6]}

Minanbai is spoken in Moka (7.282409°S 143.461072°E﻿ / ﻿7.282409°S 143.461072°E﻿ / -7.282409; 143.461072) and Pepeha (7.655742°S 144.007263°E﻿ / ﻿7.655742°S 144.007263°E﻿ / -7.655742; 144.007263) villages of West Kikori Rural LLG, Gulf Province.

Phonology

Foia Foia vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Mid	e		o
Open		ä ⟨ä⟩	ɑ ⟨a⟩

Foia Foia consonants

	Labial	Labiodental	Alveolar	Velar	Glottal
Voiceless stop	p		t	k	ʔ ⟨'⟩
Voiced stop	b		d	g	
Voiceless fricative	ɸ ⟨f⟩	f	s		h
Approximant	w		l		

Foia Foia	
<i>Minanibai</i>	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Native speakers	180 (2000 census) ^[1] 300 Minanibai reported 1980 ^[1]
Language family	<div>Trans–New Guinea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly River (Anim)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inland Gulf<ul style="list-style-type: none">Foia Foia</div>
Dialects	Mahigi
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: ffi – Foia Foia mcv – Minanibai
Glottolog	mina1274 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mina1274) Minanibai ^[2] mahi1249 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mahi1249) Mahigi ^[3]

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